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Montevallo, Alabama.  
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HISTORICAL DATA:

Built in 1851.

Ownership:

Montevallo Male Institute, original owners.

The Cumberland Presbyterians, second owners.

State of Alabama purchased this building in 1896.

Present owner: The State of Alabama.

Present Occupants: Alabama College.

Site: Donated by Edmond King, prominent writer and citizen of Montevallo, Alabama.

Montevallo Male Institute:

This was incorporated as a joint stock company. Just before the War Between the States, the Cumberland Presbyterians purchased the school. After the War these Presbyterians were unable to carry on the school.

The Presbyterians turned this school over to one of their ministers, Reverend W. H. Meredith, who conducted here a high school for women, for twenty years.

Alabama Girls Industrial School:

In 1893 the State of Alabama founded the Alabama Girls Industrial School at Montevallo. Three years later, 1896, the State purchased this building to add to their new school.

In 1919, the name was changed to the Alabama Technical Institute and College for Women. In 1923, it became Alabama College.

Source of Material:

Philip S. Mewhinney, Architect, Birmingham, Alabama.

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HISTORICAL DATA CONTINUED:

Civil War Period:

The men from Montevallo and vicinity were mustered into the service of the Confederate States of America in front of this building in 1861. This regiment received here the flag that the women of Montevallo made for their use.

Alabama College:

Today, this building is a part of the plant of Alabama College, a college for women, of A-class No. 1 rating. Many of the girls and young women of the State, and of surrounding states, are trained here.

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ARCHITECTURAL NOTES:

The double exterior wooden stairway under the colossal portico marks this building as unusual. Otherwise the design is quaint and unconventional. The best features are the Ionic columns, and <sup>the</sup> arched windows on the second floor of the main façade. The use of the arched window is rare in the south in this mid-nineteenth century period.

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